

# Rotokauri School Newsletter



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## THIS SUNDAY – 10 NOVEMBER

The Rotokauri Car Show and Country Fair is on this Sunday, November 10th at Rotokauri School from 10am - 2pm.

It is always a great day with lots of cars on show and food stalls, as well as entertainment. Make sure you tell anyone you know that has a classic / performance / vintage / hot rod / stock / any type of show car that might be interested in this day.

It is \$5 per car entry and a gold coin donation to come along and be part of this great day.

Email [mgoodson@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:mgoodson@rotokauri.school.nz) to register.

### ENTRY COST

CAR = \$5

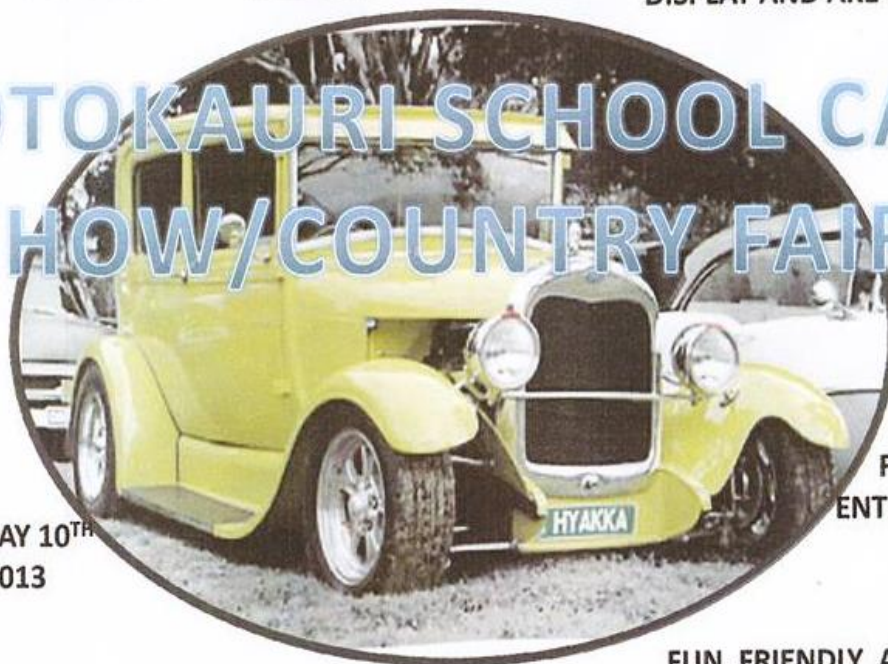
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## ROKOKAURI SCHOOL CAR SHOW/COUNTRY FAIR



EVERYONE  
WELCOME!

WHEN: SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>  
NOVEMBER 2013  
10AM - 2PM

WHERE: ROTOKAURI  
SCHOOL (462 ROTOKAURI  
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Dear Parents  
*Nga mihi o te wa kia koe me to whanau.*

## **ROKOKAURI SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT**

Our positive environment will actively engage our students in learning.

## **ROKOKAURI SCHOOL VISION**

We are responsible, confident learners and communicators.

## **ROKOKAURI SCHOOL VALUES**

Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Persistence and Excellence.

## **AGRICULTURAL DAY**

What a wonderful day we had on Wednesday, 23 October. Despite the odd shower we had a very successful Agricultural day. Days like these are only successful when a great deal of people work together as a TEAM. Thank you to the students, parents, staff, judges, community members and volunteers for all their help and support, which culminated in a well organised event, that showcased the children's efforts both in and out of the classroom. A number of positive comments have been made about the high quality of work presented in the flower show and many students with animals have continued on to represent our school at Group Day and Show Day, with pleasing results. The results for calves, lambs, goats and chickens are below –

## **ROKOKAURI SCHOOL AGRICULTURAL DAY RESULTS - SHIELDS AND TROPHIES 2013**

### **LAMB**

**Lamb Points Trophy - Hayley Monaghan - 42 points**

This trophy has been around since 1968 and was won last year by Bailey Lochore-Halpin.

**Most Obvious Pet Trophy - Hayley Monaghan**

Donated by Autolink Automotive in 1991. This trophy was won last year by Bailey Lochore-Halpin.

**Lamb Leading Trophy – Hayley Monaghan**

This trophy was first awarded in 1998. Last year it was won by Bailey Lochore-Halpin.

**Lamb Rearing Shield - Hayley Monaghan**

This trophy was first awarded in 1998. Last year it was won by Thomas Perham.

### **GOAT**

**Doug McFarlane Shield – Mackenzie Hammond-Wood - 30 points**

This was a new shield in 1999. Thanks to the McFarlanes for the donation. It is a points trophy. It was won last year by Tommi Rae.

**Goat Most Obvious Pet Trophy – Mackenzie Hammond-Wood**

This trophy was kindly donated by the Keast Family in 2009. Last year this trophy was awarded to Michael Hayde.

### Goat Leading Trophy – **Mackenzie Hammond-Wood**

This trophy was kindly donated by the Keast Family in 2009. Last year this trophy was awarded to Reuben Martin.

### Goat Rearing Trophy – **Cassie Hayde**

This trophy was kindly donated by the Keast Family in 2009. Last year this trophy was awarded to Tommi Rae.

## **CALF**

### Calf Points Trophy – **Alex Dashfield - 26 points**

This trophy was initially won by a race horse "DANDY". It was then donated to the school by CP Buckenham and has been used as a points trophy since 1945. Last year Crystal Withey won this trophy.

### Calf Leading Trophy – **Alex Dashfield**

The Martin Leading Cup has been awarded since 1989. Hannah Hall won this cup last year.

### Calf Rearing Shield - **Ashley Taylor**

This shield was donated to Rotokauri School in 1945 by Federated Farmers. Last year it was won by Crystal Withey.

### Dairy Type Trophy – **Olivia Woolerton**

This is the J Barker Trophy and was started in 1943. Crystal Withey won this last year.

### Beef Type Trophy – **Sarah Baker**

This trophy was first awarded in 1998. It was won by Mya Ruediger last year.

## **CHICKEN RESULTS**

### **REARING**

#### **Junior**

1<sup>st</sup> Ashton Hopping  
2<sup>nd</sup> Riley Cornelissen  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ella Tunnell

#### **Intermediate**

1<sup>st</sup> Liam Cornelissen  
2<sup>nd</sup> Adam Fryer  
3<sup>rd</sup> Daniel Prangnell

#### **Senior**

1<sup>st</sup> Nat Aitchison  
2<sup>nd</sup> Emma Fryer  
3<sup>rd</sup> Joshua Prangnell

### **MOST OBVIOUS PET**

#### **Junior**

1<sup>st</sup> Riley Cornelissen  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ashton Hopping  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ella Prangnell

#### **Intermediate**

1<sup>st</sup> Liam Cornelissen  
2<sup>nd</sup> Adam Fryer  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jakin Warnock

#### **Senior**

1<sup>st</sup> Nat Aitchison  
2<sup>nd</sup> Emma Fryer  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ayla Mills

### **CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS**

Rearing Champion: Emma Fryer

Rearing Reserve Champion: Ashton Hopping

Most Obvious Pet Champion: Riley Cornelissen

Most Obvious Pet Reserve Champion: Nat Aitchison

Junior Champion: Ashton Hopping

Intermediate Champion: Daniel Prangnell

Senior Champion: Nat Aitchison

**Champion Chicken: Emma Fryer**

**Reserve Champion Chicken: Ashton Hopping**

## **GROUP DAY**

Group Day was held on Tuesday 29 October at Gordonton School. Congratulations to all the students that attended the day – Tommi Rae, Gemma Yorke, Jorja Scott, Cassie Hayde, Hayley Monaghan, Mackenzie Hammond-Wood, Amarah Duncan, Jaimee Carlson, Alex Dashfield, Thomas Perham, Olivia Woolerton, Bailey Lochore-Halpin, Matthew Lochore-Halpin, Tayne Matheson and Ashley Taylor. Thank you to the parents

for transporting the children and animals to the venue. A big thank you to Toni Rae and Gary Perham for assisting with packing up the rings at the end of the day. Results from the day's competition are below –

### **Calves**

#### **Leading:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Jorja Scott – Intermediate late
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Alex Dashfield – Senior late
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Matthew Lochore-Halpin – Senior late
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Ashley Taylor – Senior late

**Leading Champion: Alex Dashfield**

**Reserve Champion: Matthew Lochore-Halpin**

#### **Rearing:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> – Jorja Scott – Intermediate late
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Matthew Lochore-Halpin – Senior late

#### **Dairy Type:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Matthew Lochore-Halpin – Heavy late

#### **Group of Three:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Rotokauri School

### **Lambs**

#### **Leading:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> – Bailey Lochore-Halpin – Sub-junior
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tayne Matheson – Intermediate
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jaimee Carlson – Senior

#### **Most Obvious Pet:**

- 6<sup>th</sup> – Bailey Lochore-Halpin – Sub-junior
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tayne Matheson – Intermediate

#### **Rearing:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Bailey Lochore-Halpin – Sub-junior
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Amarah Duncan – Junior
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Tayne Matheson – Intermediate
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Hayley Monaghan – Senior
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Thomas Perham – Senior

**Early Rearing Champion: Hayley Monaghan**

#### **Group of Three:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> – Rotokauri School

### **Goats**

#### **Most Obvious Pet:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mackenzie Hammond-Wood – Junior
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Gemma Yorke – Senior
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Tommi Rae – Senior

#### **Leading:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Mackenzie Hammond-Wood – Junior
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tommi Rae – Senior
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Gemma Yorke – Senior

#### **Rearing Early:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tommi Rae – Senior

**Rearing Late:**

7<sup>th</sup> – Mackenzie Hammond-Wood – Junior

1<sup>st</sup> – Gemma Yorke – Senior

3<sup>rd</sup> – Cassie Hayde – Senior

**Rearing Late Champion: Gemma Yorke**

**Group of Three:**

5<sup>th</sup> – Rotokauri School

**Total numbers attending Group Day:**

Calves = 87

Lambs = 55

Goats = 26

Total = 168

**SHOW DAY**

For 9 students working with their animals continued, as they prepared for Show Day on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November. This truly demonstrates our Rotokauri value of PERSEVERENCE. Well done to the following students that competed on that day - Jaimee Carlson, Jorja Scott, Thomas Perham, Bailey Lochore-Halpin, Gemma Yorke, Matthew Lochore-Halpin, Cassie Hayde, Alex Dashfield and Tommi Rae.

**JUNIOR TABLOIDS**

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November, Rooms 2 and 3 travelled by bus to Te Uku School to participate in the annual Cluster Junior Tabloids. Thank you to Sandra Munro, Bruce Parry, Miranda Collinson and Mai Snelgrove for accompanying the students and assisting with managing the teams. It was an action packed, fun-filled day of activities, despite the odd heavy shower.

**FUNBALL**

This year we have managed to get 2 teams together to play in the Junior Funball Netball Tournament. The teams are a mix of year 1, 2 and 3 children and are coached by Heather Perring and myself. The children are enjoying learning new skills, as well as playing as part of a team. Both teams have played 2 games each and have both won one and lost one. We are looking forward to the next 4 weeks of playing together and having fun. Thank you to Mrs Perring for her dedication to coaching the Year 3 team each week. I would also like to thank Paige McCollum, Ashley Taylor and Sarah Baker for helping with the coaching sessions on a Thursday. Thanks girls 😊  
I will share some photographs of the teams in action in the next newsletter.

Miss Hamer

**TOUCH**

Well done to everyone playing touch for a great start to the season. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to be coaches. We are very lucky to get parents to do this as it is getting harder and harder. There are still some fees outstanding, can these please be paid ASAP to the office. The subs vary depending on the team your child is in and the numbers in that team. The details will be at the office when you go to pay.

## **ROTOKAURI TABLOIDS**

On Fridays 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November the whole school will be participating in the Rotokauri Tabloids afternoons. These will replace the Options programme that we have operated over the past few years. Each teacher will be responsible for running a fun, skill based activity. Remember the days when we had egg and spoon races or three legged races!

## **CAR SHOW**

The time has flown past and we are now heading into the final stages of the preparation for our annual Rotokauri Car Show. Staff, students and the Car Show Committee are working hard to make Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November another successful fundraising event. If you are available to assist on the day with the classroom activities please let the teachers know, or if you can spare some time to be helping on one of the gate please let Sharon know at the school office. Thank you to those parents that have already volunteered. The Car Show runs from 10 a.m – 2 p.m. This year eftPos will be available. There will be a number of cars on display as well as the Country Fair – a variety of stall, raffles, musical entertainment and plenty of delicious food and drinks.

## **BOTTLES BOTTLES BOTTLES**

As part of the Car Show on Sunday we will be running a number of quick fire raffles. We would like each family to support the PTA by donating a full bottle of anything; sauce, wine, shampoo, soft drink, perfume etc. These can be handed in to the office by tomorrow please. Please note there will not be a Christmas raffle this year and you will not be asked to sell raffle tickets.

## **CALENDAR FUNDRAISER**

The children are currently working on artwork for their calendars. Once these are completed they will be sent away to be professionally made into colourful, informative calendars. These make wonderful gifts for family and friends. Orders for the children's calendars need to be received, with payment, by 15<sup>th</sup> November. Please note that cheques must be made out to the Rotokauri School PTA. If you would like to view the children's artwork please speak to the classroom teacher. The calendars are being sold for \$12 each.

## **KIDSCAN BOOK**

The charity KidsCan which supports disadvantaged Kiwi kids have designed a beautiful book as a fundraiser. The book MY HAPPY PLACE features happy thoughts and memories contributed by 54 prominent New Zealanders. If you would like to purchase one of these books please see Sharon in the school office. They are being sold for \$29.99.

## MATHLETICS

Last week students would have brought home a flyer about the free trial which has been offered to the school for Mathletics this term. Thank you to the families that have paid their contribution of \$20 for their child to participate in the programme next year. The free trial is available until 15<sup>th</sup> November, but if 80% of families have paid their fee, then Mathletics will be made available, for free, until the end of the school year.

## NEW CHILD RESTRAINT REGULATIONS

From Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November new child restraint regulations came into effect. If you require more information about the changes please visit the following website [www.nzta.govt.nz](http://www.nzta.govt.nz). There will be an impact for schools, especially in the junior school, as trips away from school will come at an extra cost for bus transport.

## NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL

If you would like to receive your newsletters via e-mail please see Sharon or email her at [sverstraten@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:sverstraten@rotokauri.school.nz) to take advantage of this service. Newsletters come out regularly every second Thursday.

## SUNHATS

Our Sunsafe policy at Rotokauri states that Rotokauri sunhats are to be worn in Term 1 and Term 4 . Students that do not have the appropriate sunhats have to play under the sunshade provided. It is pleasing to see the number of students remembering to wear their sunhats whenever they are out of the classroom. It is important that these sunhats are worn with pride, which means that they are not defaced or worn inappropriately. New toggles and strings can be purchased from Spotlight stores. Please ensure that your child's hat has these attached. Each classroom has a supply of sunscreen as well, which students are also encouraged to put on.

## SWIMMING LESSONS AT ROTOKAURI SCHOOL

**2Focus:** Graham Smith & Vicki Taylor have been coaching in country schools for six years, and coaching in clubs for over fifteen years; we come to your school to make full use of the school's pool.

### **What we offer**

- Block course 5 x 30 minute swimming lessons
- Cost \$35.00 for the week
- Swimmers are coached to their individual ability
- Technique coaching in all swimming strokes
- Time: 8.00 am to 8.30 am
- Date: 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013

To book please contact Vicki Taylor, [v.taylor@windowlive.com](mailto:v.taylor@windowlive.com) or on Mob: 0274595647

Information needed when emailing: Childs name, contact number, child's swimming ability and age.

## SWIMMING POOL KEYS

Our school pool will open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Pool keys are available for sale now at a cost of \$70. The swimming pool key also gives access to the tennis courts. Keys are only available for families that have students currently enrolled at Rotokauri School. If you would like to purchase a key please see Sharon at the school office as you will need to read and sign a pool use contract. Each year we sell a limited amount of keys to families who attend our school.

## WEBSITE UPDATE

Our school website is currently being worked on by Richard Sims from SupportNet. He will be making it a more interactive site that highlights all the great things that happen at Rotokauri School. Watch out for further updates on his progress.

## TROPHIES RETURNED

Please return all trophies to the school office as soon as possible so that they can be engraved (speech, Ag Day, end of year).

## MORE GUITAR / UKELELE LESSONS NOW AVAILABLE

Currently we have John Maydon, a guitar tutor teaching students guitar/ukelele during Tuesday lunchtimes in the school library. If you are still interested in having lessons, and would like to do half a term (5 weeks) learning guitar or ukelele, please pick up the **music form** from Mrs Verstraten in the school office as soon as possible. Completed forms must be returned to the office by Tuesday the 12th of November, in the morning. This is a great opportunity to try learning an instrument to see if it's right for you! Cost will be \$50 as it is only for 5 weeks. Students aged 5 and up may learn ukelele, and those aged 8-12 may learn guitar. We need a minimum of 8 students for lessons to proceed.

Day and time: **Thursday lunchtimes** starting on the **21st of November**

## HOME REQUIRED FOR TWO FROGS AND AN OLD CHIP BAG!

It's time to reclaim the swimming pool back from winter and get it spick and span for the summer. The pool will be open from December through to March if we have a blinder of a summer like last year and we'll be needing help with the cleaning and maintenance again. This is a twice a day task (morning and evening) and has previously been run on a roster system with folk doing one week stints. If any of previous years folk are keen for another go that's great but anyone is welcome to try their hand at this and we do need helpers to keep the pool open over the holidays. **In return for your time you get a free pool key for the season!**

If you are interested or just want to know what's involved leave your details with Sharon at the office and I'll get in touch to answer any questions - or sign you up!

Sorry – frogs already gone .....



By the way,

Ever wondered where 'Spick and Span' came from? It was apparently first coined in 1579 though the individual derivatives are much older. Spick is from 'Spike' or nail of the brand new variety hence bright and shiny. Span began as old Norse 'Spann-nyr' meaning a chip of wood fresh from an axemans strike so, absolutely new. As a side bonus – span became spoon as they were originally made from wood!! Thanks to

[www.worldwidewords.org](http://www.worldwidewords.org) for the enlightenment!

Many thanks, Nick Spiers, BOT Property bloke.

## THE LUNCH LADIES NEED HELP

One of our crew is leaving Rotokauri School next year, so we have a vacancy for someone who has 2 Monday mornings a month to spare to help us with the bought lunches.

You will only need to be there for 1½ hours (9am-10.30am) one week and 3 hours the other week (9am-10.30am) then (11.15am – 12.45pm). So that's only 4½ hours per month.

We have a roster but can easily swap around to suit family commitments etc.

You will always be working with someone else and full training will be given.

If you are interested in joining us please let Sharon Verstraten in the office know.

Thank you

Hayley, Donna, Claire and Judith

## FEES OWING

**Please remember to pay the following to the school office:**

- Religious Instruction fee per year - \$5.00 per child
- Photocopying fee per year - \$4.00 per child
- Room 2 – Newspaper in Education fee - \$3.00
- Year 7 & 8 students only – Technology Fee \$100.00 per student per year.

Thank you to the parents who have paid their fees already. 😊

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

If you would like to order anything from Scholastic please have your order form and money to the school office by tomorrow, Friday, 8 November.

**Eat a rainbow of 'glow foods'  
every day!**



## **YUMMY YELLOW**

**Make mini sweetcorn fritters.** Combine an egg, a can of corn kernels and 1¼ cups of self raising flour. Mix and cook spoonfuls in a hot pan until golden, flip, cook and cool on a plate. Eat cold for a vegetable hit at lunchtime.



**Make a monkey roll** – slice a banana in half and wrap in a piece of bread

**Eat a rainbow of 'glow foods'  
every day!**



## **OUTRAGEOUS ORANGE**

**Slice an orange** into wedges for a juicy afternoon snack

**Grate carrot** into sandwiches

**Pop five dried apricots** into your lunchbox





## HAVE YOU ENTERED ROUND THE BRIDGES?

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Thanks  
Marie Carlson



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